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Response to Amendment

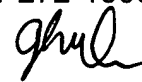
The replies filed on 12-29-2005 and 04-05-2006 are not fully responsive to the prior Office Action because of the following omission(s) or matter(s): Again, applicant has failed to provide any specific arguments as to exactly what claimed limitations are not disclosed or obvious in view of the prior art reference. The only statement made in either response is the following "McGuckin, Jr, et al. disclose clips... However McGuckin does not disclose the steps of amended claim 31. As a result, McGuckin ... does not anticipate claim 31 as amended.". How does this statement specifically detail what the prior art lacks? It is incumbent upon the applicant to specifically point out the supposed errors in the rejections. Exactly what "steps" are not disclosed by McGuckin? If the applicant contends that none are disclosed, then applicant needs to address the differences between the steps that are disclosed by McGuckin and those presently claimed. See 37 CFR 1.111. Since the above-mentioned reply appears to be *bona fide*, applicant is given **ONE (1) MONTH or THIRTY (30) DAYS** from the mailing date of this notice, whichever is longer, within which to supply the omission or correction in order to avoid abandonment. EXTENSIONS OF THIS TIME PERIOD MAY BE GRANTED UNDER 37 CFR 1.136(a).

Conclusion

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Glenn K. Dawson whose telephone number is 571-272-4694. The examiner can normally be reached on M-Th 7:30-5:00.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Anhtuan T. Nguyen can be reached on 571-272-4963. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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